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SUBJECT: SPANISH DELEGATION TO 63RD ILO CONFERENCE

1. MINISTRY OF LABOR ON MAY 24 PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH OFFICIAL LIST OF MEMBERS OF SPANISH DELEGATION TO 63RD ILO CONFERENCE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT DELEGATE IS LABOR SUBSECRETARY JAVIER ISTURIZ AGUINAGA. ALTHOUGH HE ATTENDED AN ILO CONFERENCE FOUR YEARS AGO AS A TECHNICAL ADVISOER, HE IS RELATIVELY NEW TO ILO AFFAIRS. ISTURIZ REPLACED CHOZAS-LONGTIM VETERAN OF ILO DELEGATIONS AS SUBSECRETARY LAST FEBRUARY. ISTURIZ (MADRID 4039) AND LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTACTS WITH U.S. DELEGATION IN GENEVA. THE SECOND GOVERNMENT DELEGATE IS SPANISH AMBASSADOR FERNANDO BENITO MESTRE (POSTED IN GENEVA). THE DEPUTY GOVERNMENT DELEGATE IS PEDRO PORRAS ORUE, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE CIVIL SERVICE (OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY), APPARENTLY CHOSEN BECAUSE OF THE SENSITIVE AGENDA ITEM DEALING WITH FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE SECTOR. TEN TECHNICAL ADVISERS ROUND OUT THE GOVERNMENT GROUP. OF WHICH GIMENEZ CHORNET (LABOR DEPT) AND GUERRERO SAEZ (SSO INTERNATIONAL

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RELATIONS) IN PARTICULAR ARE FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THE LABATT.

2. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE FRANCO REGIME, SPAIN'S WORKER DELEGATION WILL BE COMPOSED OF FREE TRADE UNIONISTS RATHER THAN THE TRADITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OFFICIAL SYNDICAL, ORGANIZATION (SSO) AS INDICATED EARLIER (MADRID 3415) THE WORKER DELEGATE IS UGT

SECGEN NICOLAS REDONDO, JUST RETURNED FROM THE U.S. WHERE HE MET WITH GEORGE MEANY AND UAW PRESIDENT LEONARD WOODCOCK. REDONDO, WHO HEADS THE PSOE (SOCIALIST) LIST IN HIS BASQUE HOME PROVINCE OF VIZCAYA, IS EXPECTED TO BE ABSENT FROM GENEVA A GOOD PART OF THE TIME CAMPAIGNING FOR THE JUNE 15 ELECTIONS. THE ALTERNATE WORKER DELEGATE IS UGT INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY MANUEL SIMON VELASCO, WHO ACCOMPANIED REDONDO TO THE U.S. THE ELEVEN TECHNICAL ADVISERS REPRESENT THE CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST USO (INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY FRANCISCO LEON, CARMEN FERRERO TORRES, AND MARIS CARMEN GONZALEZ RODRIGUEZ SALINAS), THE COMMUNIST DOMINATED WORKERS COMMISSIONS SWC (IGNACIO MERCADER SERRA, AGUSTINGONZALEZ MARTIN AND JAVIER CASAS ALVAREZ THE LATTER TWO PUBLIC FUNCTIONARIES,) THE BASQUE STV (INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY ALEX AGUIRREZABEL AND SECGEN ALFONSO ECHEVERRIA NOTE: VP JOSE LEUNDA IS CURRENTLY IN THE U.S. ON AN IVP GRANT), THE CATALAN SOC (INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY JOSEP FARGAS AND CARMEN NINOU PERA-NOTE: SOC PRESIDENT CASASSAS WILL BE IN THE U.S. ON IVP GRANT). AND THE SOCIALIST UGT (JOSE FRANCISCO PENA) IT WILL BE NOTED THAT THERE ARE NO RPT NO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VERTICAL SSO STRUCTURE OR ANY OF THE SO CALLED "INDEPENDENT" GROUPS THAT HAVE SPLIT OFF FROM IT. THE SWC REPRESENTATIVES ARE SECOND STRINGERS, THEIR TOP LEADERS BEING FULLY OCCUPIED ON THE PCE (COMMUNIST PARTY) CAMPAIGN TRAIL.

3. THE EMPLOYER DELEGATE IS VICENTE CASTELLANO SABATER WHO UNTIL RECENTLY HEADED THE SSO NATIONAL EMPLOYER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNCIL IN VALENCIA. CURRENTLY HE REPRESENTS THE JUST-ROUNDED (MAY 23) CGEE (SPANISH GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF EMPLOYERS) EMPLOYER ALTERNATES ARE JUAN ANTONIO SEGURADO (AEI), AND PEDRO LOPEZ JIMENEZ (CEE). THE NINE TECHNICAL ADVISERS REPRESENT INDEPENDENTS AND HE OTHER TWO NEW EMPLOYERS GROUPS THE AEI (INDEPENDENT EMPLOYER GROUP) AND THE CEE (SPANISH EMPLOYER CONFEDERATION). UNLIKE THE WORKER DELEGATION, THEREFORE, THE EMPLOYERS GROUP DOES INCLUDE SOME OLD SSO FIGURES.

4. AS WE SUGGESTED EARLIER SYNDICAL RELATIONS MINISTER ENRIQUE DE LA MATA HAS BEEN TAPPED TO DELIVER SPAIN'S PRINCIPAL ADDRESS AT THE ILO, AND APPARENTLY PLANS TO REMAIN FOR MOST OF THE CONFERENCE. AS THE PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT OF LABOR REFORM AND THE TRADE UNION LEGALIZATION PROCESS IN THE CURRENT CABINET, HE WAS CHOSEN OVER MINISTER OF LABOR RENGIFO. DE LA MATA IS WELL KNOWN TO U.S. WORKERS DELEGATE IRVING BROWN, AND LOOKS FORWARD TO VARIOUS U.S. CONTACTS. (SEE MADRID 3415).STABLER

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